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Letter dated 22 January 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention certain events which occurred only days ago in the Philippines and which bear an unmistakable connection to the present conflict in the Middle East.

I regret to have to inform you that an Iraqi national was killed and another wounded in Makati, Metro Manila, last Saturday night (19 January 1991), when a bomb they intended to plant in the Thomas Jefferson Cultural Center exploded prematurely. The dead Iraqi was identified as a member of an international terrorist organization. The two were carrying 200 lbs. of explosives and were then 100 yards from their target.

In a related development, Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Raul S. Manglapus, announced that the Government of the Philippines had declared Mr. Muwafak A-Ani, First Secretary of the Iraqi Embassy in Manila, as persona non-grata in accordance with the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. He was given 72 hours from 21 January 1991 to leave the country. Philippine intelligence and security authorities asserted that they had unearthed strong evidence linking him to the failed bombing of the Cultural Center.

Secretary Manglapus said that the decision "should not be looked at as an action against the Government of Iraq and certainly not against the people of Iraq, but directed against the person for acts beyond his diplomatic functions and violation of local laws and regulations".

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 153, and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative